
 VERMONT DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES Child Care Financial Assistance Manual		
Chapter:	CIS (Children's Integrated Services)	
Subject:	Protective Services – Children's Integrated Services	
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PURPOSE

To help ensure that children who have an active case with the Family Services Division of the Department for Children and Families (DCF) receive and participate in wholesome care and education experiences while attending child care.

REGULATION

Personalized child care that includes a planned child development intervention strategy authorized by the DCF Family Services Division Social Worker and must be part of the family plan as a safety strategy.

POLICY

Children who have an open case with the Family Services Division of the Department for Children and Families where child care is part of the safety plan may only receive Protective Services (PS) child care with an approved Specialized Services child care provider. If a child care provider known to the child wishes to provide PS child care, the Family Services (FS) social worker should work with the Children's Integrated Services Child Care Coordinator in the local Community Child Care Support Agency to determine whether or not the provider can be approved.

For those children whose needs cannot be met in a regulated group setting, the FS social worker may request an exception to use Approved Relative Child Care (ARCC) to provide child care in their home and or in the child's home. The Child Development Division reserves the right to screen and approve or deny these requests and to require certain conditions for approval.

The Child Care Financial Assistance (CCFAP) program will make full payment for child care services delivered to foster children where the FS social worker has determined the need for services. Licensed providers caring for these children may be reimbursed at the provider rate recorded in the Bright Futures Information System (BFIS). No request for a variance is required as this is within the parameters of payment policy effective 1/03/2010.

When a child in a foster care placement is reunited with their biological family with child care specified as part of an ongoing safety plan, CCFAP will continue to make full payment for child care services to this child for a period of six (6) months after reunification. After this six month period, the biological parent is responsible for making any co-payment required over and above the 100% benefit given under PS child care.

Protective Services (PS) Child Care Payments		
Child is with <u>biological</u> parent	Child is with a <u>foster parent</u>	Child is in <u>transition</u> to reunification with biological parent.
Family must pay co-payment	CDD pays co-payment	CDD pays the co-payment for biological parents if the reunified child remains in DCF custody. Payment may be authorized for a period of 6 months.
<p>PROCEDURE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A 12 month PS authorization is submitted by the FSD Social Worker. 2. Child Care Provider selected must have Specialized Services status 3. A 12 month certificate is generated. No co-pay override may be requested on this certificate 	<p>PROCEDURE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Social Worker submits a 12 month PS authorization, in BFIS, listing foster parent as household member. 2. Child Care Provider selected must have Specialized Services status 3. A 12 month certificate is generated and an email is sent to CDD requesting the co-pay override. 	<p>PROCEDURE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Social Worker creates new 12 month PSA authorizing child care for biological parent. 2. Child Care Provider selected must have Specialized Services status 3. Create a 6 month certificate and send an email requesting the co-pay override. Create additional certificate for the remaining 6 months (no co-pay override may be requested on this certificate).